

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
(Final; Action)

CC.20.18 Student Nominations to the Athletic Board

BACKGROUND

The Athletic Board is the committee concerned with intercollegiate athletics (varsity sports) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This Board is responsible to the Senate for the intercollegiate athletic program as it relates to the University's academic and educational objectives as defined by the Senate. The Athletic Board serves also as an advisory committee to the Chancellor and the Athletic Director on the financial management, personnel, and other operational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Two of the students appointed to the Athletic Board are appointed by the Chancellor from a slate of four candidates from the Illinois Student Government. Terms of students ordinarily shall be one year and students may be appointed to a second one-year term. Continuing student members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

<i>Julia Greuel</i>	<i>AHS 2020</i>
<i>Kate Joyce</i>	<i>GRAD 2020</i>

NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Committees recommends approval of the following slate of nominees. (Submitted statements of interest from nominees are attached.)

The following students are nominated to fill two student vacancies, with terms ending 2021. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of two.

Alliya Rumbolt-Lemond	MDA
Daniela Sirott	AHS
Matt Lang	GRAD
Nathan Tanner	GRAD

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Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected and a statement of interest. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement of willingness to serve will suffice.

STUDENT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE

Alliya Rumbolt-Lemond (MDA: Journalism)

This nominee has great communication skills, knows how to get a job done, and is dedicated to UIUC athletics. Since the beginning of her freshman year she has been involved immensely with a wide range of men's and women sports. She would contribute to the committee with her strong knowledge of all athletic programs on campus and her prior experience working first hand with the teams. Her major of journalism and interest in this field will also be a great asset to the committee. From personal communication with Alliyah, I have heard everything that she wants to contribute to the committee and ideas that she has to make athletics at the university even better. She is dedicated, passionate, and hardworking and when it comes to sports she is knowledgeable well beyond her years. She is interested in serving because she has a strong passion for sports and hopes to continue working in sports as a career as well as the fact that she wants to contribute to making the athletic program even better. I am nominating her because I do believe that she would be an amazing asset to the committee and be able to bring ideas forth that are innovative and will make the future of Illini athletics strong.

Daniela Sirott (AHS: Recreation, Sport, and Tourism)

Daniela Sirott works with the Illinois football team as a student athletic trainer, and the men's basketball team as a video manager. She was a three-sport athlete in high school, and has been heavily involved with sports her whole life. She dreams of a career in the professional sports world. Daniela knows the importance of balancing academics, her education always comes first. She's proud of her work ethic and also has a passion for broader topics, classes such as World Religions, history of the Big Ten Conference, business and financial management courses. She's currently an RST major with a sport management concentration. Many of her classes are business related. She also took finance and sport management courses in high school. Daniela has a lot of respect for student-athletes, and she is able to recognize the kinds of financial sacrifices families have to make in order for students to play the sport they love.

GRADUATE

Matt Lang (BUS: iMBA)

Matt Lang has been a fan of Illinois athletics as far back as he can remember. In fact, it's one of the reasons why the University was at the top of his list when applying for an MBA. Although it was a dream to compete as a student-athlete, he would be better suited using his athletic and business background to support the current student-athletes. Matt's student-athlete career ended after his senior year in high school's baseball season, but that did not stop him from competing and finding other ways to be involved. He graduated with a Sports Management degree from Olivet Nazarene University, and while there completed an internship with a collegiate league baseball team. He has worked with the Masters Tournament and BMW Championship. His management experience includes restaurant management and accounts receivable management. He also still competes, both in amateur golf events and in slow-pitch softball.

Nathan Tanner (EDU: Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership)

Nathan Tanner is a first year Ph.D. student in EPOL at UIUC. His research involves studying the structures needed to prepare critical practitioners to address racial equity in PK-20 contexts. As a Graduate Research Assistant in the Illinois Leadership Center he currently conducts quantitative and qualitative research on student leadership development. Nathan previously worked as a Department Chair, history teacher, and student government advisor for 4 years in a Title 1 middle-school. Nathan is intimately familiar with shared governance and can confidently address the various needs and concerns of stakeholders. Nathan also has several years' experience volunteering as both a youth basketball and swimming coach. Nathan hopes to serve on the Athletic Board to affirm the university's mission to support students' identity development and foster a generation of new leaders. Nathan welcomes the opportunity to support UIUC's student athletes and contribute to the ongoing work of racial and gender equity.